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- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Administration may adopt a system of staggered registration for any motor vehicle class.
- (b) (1) During the registration period in which the system is initiated, vehicle registrations may be issued for periods varying from 7 months to 18 months with fees prorated according to the number of months for which the registration is issued.
- (2) Vehicle registration plates or validation tabs shall be issued and displayed in accordance with a schedule established by the Administration.
- (3) Any new registration or renewal issued during the year may be issued initially for other than a 12-month period to facilitate an equal volume of monthly issuances and the registration fee shall be prorated for the period issued.
- (4) For the purpose of maintaining relatively uniform work loads, the Administration shall evaluate monthly volumes of registration renewals from time to time and any portion of a monthly issuance may be rescheduled by applying a different expiration date and prorating the fee accordingly.
- (5) The Administration shall refund a registration fee on surrender of a registration card and unused registration plates by the owner as provided under § 13-938 of this subtitle only if the return is made prior to the expiration date of the registration period for which the application for refund is made.
- (6) When the Administration assesses a prorated fee, it shall be calculated by multiplying one-twelfth of the applicable fee by the number of months for which the issuance or renewal is made and adjusting this amount to the nearest dollar amount.
- (c) The Administration may adopt regulations to implement and operate a staggered registration system as provided under this section.

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